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#### THE GRAY WOLF.

His Cunning Is Marvelous, and He Is  
Difficult to Catch.

The cunning of the gray wolf is marvelous, and it is most difficult to catch. He somehow seems to know that iron is associated with man. A piece of iron anywhere will keep him at a distance. If you shoot an antelope, for instance, and just put your spur on the carcass you may leave it as long as you like and no wolf will touch it. A pocket handkerchief will do as well.

Lobo, a great gray wolf who was the king of the pack at Currumpaw, a vast cattle range in New Mexico, was a thinker as well as a ruler. His pack ate nothing but what they had killed themselves, and thus poison was no good. At last a thousand dollars was set upon his head. This brought a noted wolf hunter from Texas, with his pack of great wolfhounds. But again there was failure. Then two other hunters came with subtly devised poisons to work his undoing. Then I came on the scene. First I tried poison, and there was no combination of strychnine, arsenic and prussic acid which I did not use. I put the poisons in cheese melted together with kidney fat, and during the whole process I wore gloves steeped in hot blood. And I scattered the bait all over the ranch. The next morning I went out and found Lobo's tracks, with the bait gone. I was delighted. I followed the track and found another bait gone and yet another. Then I found the three baits piled upon another one and covered with filth. Lobo had evidently carried the first three in his mouth and had taken this means of expressing his utter contempt for my devices.

But Lobo's downfall came about through a big white she wolf who was always with him. I managed to catch her in a trap. Then I knew we should soon have Lobo. Night after night he came around the homestead and mourned his mate in long, plaintive howls. I knew he would try to find her body. I set 120 strong steel wolf traps, and in one of these I caught him—a martyr to constancy. And that was the end of Lobo.—Interview With Ernest Thompson Seton.

#### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The easier people make money the easier they want to make it.

Among the many mysteries of childhood is why grown people cry when they are glad.

There are some people who think they have discharged their full duty to you by praying for you.

What do you use most during the day? Do you use the little white lie almost as much as your shoes?

When a man makes one mistake he usually follows it up with three or four before he recovers his balance.

Don't be conceited; get any map of the United States, and do you find any mark on it to show that you are on earth?

Every one admits that rich people are not happier than the poor, or as happy, yet every one is striving to become one of the miserable rich.—Atchison Globe.

#### Two Ways of Doing Business.

I have seen in London only one office where there is any real enthusiasm. And the employees seldom have any interest in the business beyond drawing their salaries. In most of the factories, and even in the offices, they are taught a certain round of duties, and they are allowed to do nothing else. They seldom suggest improvements for fear of losing their places, where in America they'd soon lose their places if they didn't make suggestions. Here it's the firm in its private offices and everybody else doing as little as possible and never stepping out of the rut they're put in, and there it's everybody working together, coats off, and the head of the concern glad to listen to the office boy and to do as he says if it means results.—Vanity Fair.

#### Ancient Eggs in China.

A German epicure comes to the rescue of the Chinese in regard to their alleged habit of eating rotten eggs. The eggs, he says, are simply preserved in lime until they get a consistency like that of hard butter and they taste somewhat like lobster. He declares them one of the choicest delicacies he has ever eaten. He thinks there are no better cooks in the world than the Chinese. When he went to live among them his friends predicted he would starve, but he had a good time and gained weight—more than he wanted to.

#### Balky Steam Boilers.

According to an engineer, though there may be every reason present why a steam boiler should steam there are occasions when it simply will not. It refuses duty and sulks without any cause that can be detected. On such occasions every one takes a hand at the fires, but the result is the same—no steam or only enough to keep three quarters speed. Marine and stationary boilers are both thus afflicted. There are "good days" and "bad days" in the performance of each.—Chicago News.

#### Get Busy.

The successful man is usually busy and the busy man is usually successful. The young man, whatever his vocation, who has not learned to economize his time and keep busy has not got the lesson most essential to a prosperous, useful and happy life.—Chicago Tribune.

#### A Great Combination.

"You and your husband have lived together twenty-five years and never had a quarrel? What's the secret?"

"No secret at all. I'm too good natured to quarrel, and he's too indolent."—Exchange.

#### HUTTON'S ONE RECIPE.

It Included a Paper Cutter, Ink Eraser and Rubber Bands.

Perhaps the most ingenious and the most original of all schemes for procuring autographs was from a lady in a western town. She was raising funds for the building and support of a public library, and she had conceived the idea of issuing a volume to be called "The Authors' Recipe Book." Authors from all over the country, the most distinguished of authors—always authors with a capital A—had been good enough to send her a list of the favorite dishes of their own construction, with their method of making them.

The cookbook was one of the many forms of literature to which the recipient had never turned his attention. He had no more idea of cooking than he had of milking a cow or of harnessing a horse or of setting a hen or of building a dynamo. He did not even care what was cooked for him so long as it contained none of the ingredients of tripe and none of the essence of tomato. But he was asked to contribute a paper, which she would have reproduced in facsimile, stating what he could prepare most to his liking upon a kitchen range or in a chafing dish, with his manner of procedure. This quite nonplused him until he bethought himself of one particular and peculiar delicacy in the evolution of which he could safely trust his reputation as an expert. In reply, for which he received no thanks, he said:

"Take a long paper cutter; attach to the same by means of rubber bands, and securely, an ink eraser; insert the ink eraser firmly into a marshmallow plug and hold the same over a student's lamp or study fire until the marshmallow begins to sizz, drops into the ashes, puts out the light or burns your hand. And eat while hot!"

He has never seen a copy of "The Authors' Recipe Book"—Laurence Hutton in Critic.

#### BULGING GUN BARRELS.

The Ruin That Is Wrought by Careless Handling.

I have sold guns for ten years, and in that time four of them have had their barrels bulged, one by snow, one by dirt, one by sand and one by something else getting into it. One man crawling through a fence got a little snow in the muzzle. He could not remove it with his finger, so concluded to wait and shoot it out, which he did, but he found a bulge like a pullet's egg on the end of the barrel. Another got some earth in the muzzle and shot it out, and he, too, found the same kind of a bulge on the end of his gun. Another fired his gun at ducks, which knocked him over on his back and fairly got away from him. When he picked up the gun he found a narrow raised band around the barrel fourteen inches from the muzzle. In this case a wad had probably lodged there. This customer thinks the manufacturers ought to give him a new set of barrels. I tell him if the barrels had not been good ones it would have been a burst instead of a bulge, which might have maimed or killed him. Another man lying on a point brought down a duck with a broken wing which scurried for the water. The man ran and struck the duck with the muzzle of the gun and in so doing got sand in it. He blew most of it out and shot out the rest of it. Well, after that shot he found a little blister two inches from the muzzle about the size of a man's little finger.

Moral.—Do not shoot obstructions of any kind out of your gun if you value your life or gun.—Uncle Dan in Amateur Sportsman.

#### Something Wanted.

A bachelor, old and cranky, was sitting alone in his room. His toes with the gout were aching, and his face was overspread with gloom, no little ones' shouts to disturb him—from noises the house was free. In fact, from cellar to attic 'twas as still as still could be. No medical aid was lacking; his servants answered his ring, respectfully answered his orders and supplied him with everything. But still there was something wanted, which he could not command—the kindly words of compassion, the touch of a gentle hand. And he said, as his brow grew darker and he rang for the hireling nurse, "Well, marriage may be a failure, but this is a jolly sight worse."

#### A Water Candlestick.

A glass of water makes a fine emergency candlestick. Weight one end of the candle with a nail just large enough to hold the candle in the water so that the water touches its top edge, but does not touch the wick, and then light the candle. It will burn until the last vestige of wick is gone and the flame will not flicker. The melted tallow that runs down but serves to hold the candle more stationary.—Blacksmith and Wheelwright.

#### Two Views.

"A man's vote is too precious to be sold," said the patriot.

"Perhaps," answered Senator Sarghram, "although a number of people of my acquaintance regard it as too valuable to be given away."—Washington Star.

#### A Secret Society.

Carrie—I've got a dandy idea for a girls' secret society. Belle—A secret society! Do you think it would be practical? Carrie—Surely. We wouldn't keep secrets; we'd swap them.—Puck.

Love is never afraid of overwork.—Chicago Tribune.

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